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CLAIMS

1. A display device for household devices, characterised in that said display device (1) consists of a housing (2) for receiving a plurality of light-emitting elements (5) and said housing (2) is covered at least partially by a film-type, partially translucent means (3) wherein the light-emitting elements (5) are arranged in the housing (2) such that during light emission each light-emitting element (5) only radiates through a specific region (6) of the translucent means (3) and a pushbutton (7) which is associated with each of said specified regions can be used to activate the corresponding light-emitting elements (5).
2. The display device according to claim 1, characterised in that the housing (2) consists of a thermoplastic material and has box-like recesses (4) in which the light-emitting elements (5) are arranged.
3. The display device according to claim 2, characterised in that the light-emitting elements (5) are arranged in the box-like recess (4) such that the region covering the box-like recess (4) is completely illuminated.
4. The display device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that film-type, partially translucent means (3) are embodied as one piece and can be connected to the housing (2) by means of form-locking connections.
5. The display device according to claim 4, characterised in that the film-like, partially translucent means (3)

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consist of plastic and the translucent regions (6) are accentuated with colour.